

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### 1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, February 19, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

### 2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was City Manager Warren Bruns.

### 3.) Minutes Approval.

•*Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the January minutes.* Motion Carried.

### 4.) Tom Kirschbaum

- Tom Kirschbaum asked the Council to lower his estimated usage for his last three water and sewer bills.
- Mr. Kirschbaum refused entry to his home in November 2007 to install a new water meter. Since then, the City has been estimating his usage based on the average City utility bill.
- In January, Mr. Kirschbaum installed a two year old meter he had previously received from City Manager Bruns. When the meter was read at the end of January, it was determined that it was not working, so his bill was estimated again.
- Mr. Kirschbaum was also upset that the City had not dug up the storm sewer tiles to investigate any blockage backing up his spring water coming from his property.
- Last fall, the Council approved this action, but the contractor asked to perform the task was unable to meet Mr. Kirschbaum's requests before winter came.
- Mayor Russell told him that the City would get someone to investigate this issue as soon as possible this spring.
- Mr. Kirschbaum also accused the City of favoritism and inconsistency enforcing the City Ordinances. May asked for a list of issues so that they could be addressed. Mr. Kirschbaum presented a list of the City Businesses from the City's website. He pointed out the businesses which he believed were not paying sales tax on their sewage usage. (State law says that "sewage services, nonresidential commercial only" are taxable.) May said that he would investigate this issue.
- Mr. Kirschbaum stated that he will allow entry to his home for installation of a new water meter and reader.
- Mr. Kirschbaum stated he will be contacting his attorney.

### 5.) Approval of Fire Department Officers

- Fire Chief Jeff Berg presented the Council with this year's Officers for the Fertile Fire Department: Chief – Jeff Berg, Asst Chief – Josh Miller, Secretary – Mike Dahn, Treasurer – Dan Miller, Training Safety Officers – Dan Lee, Dwight Bruns and John Jordan.
- Shropshire motioned and Peters 2nd to approve the Officers as stated above.* Motion Carried.

### 6.) Mayor's Report

- WCTA removed the phone booth near Thompson's garage. They will use the parts for other booths; therefore, the booth was not available to the City.
- Emergency Management is working on a system to connect all County Emergency communications systems.

- The City submitted a WCDA grant for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of fire truck request. The awards ceremony is tentatively set for April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- In 2007 the City received a total of \$143,267.83 from the WCDA and the Casino for various projects.
- The KIOW tractor ride will come through Fertile at noon on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. They will stop at the Rhodes Island Park.
- The County Supervisors state that the town to market roads are budgeted to be re-surfaced in 2009.

### 7.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented January financials.
- Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the January Expenditures.* Motion Carried.
- Budget discussions were finalized.
- Jeff Berg presented the Fire Department financials.
- A public hearing will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> for public approval of the budget and final Council adoption.

### 8.) City Maintenance Report

- The front bumper was ripped off the Snow plow during this last snow storm.
- The County will wing out snow banks along Washington Street, please be certain that all property is moved away from the street.
- Warren was in Ames for a series of meetings regarding his licenses for water & sewer administration.
- The City has renewed their Lagoon license with the DNR.
- Mayor Russell and Bruns will meet with Water Tower Paint & Repair regarding our water tower maintenance contract on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

### 9.) Committee Reports

- Community Center Committee – an informational survey is being mailed out this week, please respond by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Building permits – There are no size limitations within the City's building code pertaining to out-buildings. Size is only limited by the available land and property boundaries. Please see Tad Miller for more information.
- Fertile Days info is now on the website – more details coming soon!

### 10.) Upcoming Meetings

- A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the March 4, 2008 7:00 at City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, March 18, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

### 11.) Adjourn – *Renchin moved, Peters 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile		
Expenditures and Revenues		
As of January 31, 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Olsen, Matt	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-944.64
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-43.60
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-56.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-112.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Olsen, Matt	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-588.89
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	-36.29
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-195.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	low a One Call	-12.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-66.34
Bill Pmt -Check	North low a Media Group	-183.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-109.26
Bill Pmt -Check	River City Roofing Co.	-78.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-356.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,625.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-3,375.00
Check	Johnson, Jasen	-64.00
Check	US Post Office	-52.00
Check	low a Rural Water Association	-175.00
Deposit		6,909.63
Deposit		231.84
Deposit		2,184.86
Deposit		8,921.76
Deposit		3,525.78
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	13.25
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	1,658.29
Deposit		33.48
Liability Check	IRS	-1,576.69
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of low a	-169.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-317.22
Liability Check	IPERS	-316.27
Liability Check	IPERS	-334.10
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-739.33
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-221.12
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-533.54
Paycheck	Berg, Jeffrey	-295.52
Paycheck	Hoffman, Loren	-184.70
Paycheck	Miller, Tad	-203.17
Paycheck	Renchin, Pat	-230.87
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-796.05
Paycheck	Shropshire, Gail	-249.34
Sales Tax Payment	low a Department of Revenue and Finance	-908.00
Total General Fund Checking		5,395.44
Total General Fund Accounts		5,395.44
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		26.78
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		26.78
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		1.61
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.61
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.61
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		2.38
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		2.38
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		2.38
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,426.21</b>